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In re Application of YAGUCHI et al
U.S. Application No.: 09/762,380
Int. Application No.: PCT/JP00/03620
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Priority Date: 07 June 1999
Attorney Docket No.: MTS-3243US
For: RECORDING/REPRODUCING DEVICE,
MPEG VIDEO STREAM RECORDING/
REPRODUCING DEVICE, AND MEDIUM

DECISION

This application is before the PCT Legal Office for consideration of issues arising under 35 U.S.C. 371.

BACKGROUND

On 05 June 2000, applicants filed international application PCT/JP00/03620, which claimed priority of an earlier Japan application filed 07 June 1999. A copy of the international application was communicated to the USPTO from the International Bureau on 14 December 2000. The twenty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 07 February 2001.

On 07 February 2001, applicants filed national stage papers in the United States. The submission was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the basic national fee required by 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1).

On 13 June 2001, the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) mailed a Notification of Abandonment (Form PCT/DO/EO/909) which indicated that the application is abandoned as to the United States for failure to timely enter the national phase.

DISCUSSION


Because the requisite basic national fee was filed prior to the expiration of twenty months from the priority date, the national phase was entered in a timely manner.

CONCLUSION

The Notification of Abandonment (Form PCT/DO/EO/909) mailed 13 June 2001 is hereby VACATED.

The application has an International Filing Date of 05 June 2000 and a date under 35 U.S.C. 371 of 07 February 2001.

This application is being forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for further processing in accordance with this decision.


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